Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, James R. Gerwing began his career as an employee for the state of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, on November 1, 1980, as an instructor and area extension agronomist; and,

Whereas, Through 26 years of service, Jim has gained the respect of extension and research staff in the region and nation for his knowledge of agriculture and soils; and,

Whereas, Jim directed one of the largest and most productive extension programs for soil fertility and soil management in the Ag-Bio Sciences College by conducting hundreds of county and industry meetings and field tours; establishing numerous demonstration fields and plots throughout South Dakota; conducting manure management training for South Dakota Extension specialists, farmers and ranchers; was a regular guest on "Today's Ag" and "Garden Line" and by preparing thousands of radio tapes, fact sheets, newspaper articles and TV videos becoming known as the "voice" of South Dakota soil fertility; and,

Whereas, Jim devoted a substantial amount of time to the review of potential fertilizer products for the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, served as a member of the Department of Agriculture Fertilizer Management Plan Committee since 1995 and has been a long-time member of the Natural Resources Conservation Service State Technical Committee; and,

Whereas, Jim received the 1989 Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Extension Faculty Award, the 1990 SDSU Ag-Bio Sciences College Award for Excellence in Extension, the Region VIII U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2004 Environmental Achievement Award and the 2005 Friends of EPA Award; and,

Whereas, Jim will retire on June 30, 2007, as professor of Plant Science and Extension Agronomist at SDSU, and will be honored by his colleagues at a retirement reception in Brookings on June 22, 2007; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as governor to recognize and thank Jim for his years of service to the state of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2007, as

JAMES R. GERWING DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State